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Dear Harold,

All the free time I was complaining about last month has disappeared. Shortly after my last letter to you, I got a job working in a card and gift shop. It's boring as hell but at least it will keep me in money while I look for something else. Also last month, I was asked to run for controller and, after thinking about it for a few seconds, decided it was time for me to really get my feet wet in politics. It's going to be a very interesting campaign. Alex Schultz, the guy who just finished law school and who lost in his Primary bid for the controllership, is managing my campaign. We are expecting a "dirty" campaign because, after Alex lost in the primary, the party machine assumed that their

troubles were over & that their man for Controller would be running unopposed in the general election. We definitely caught them off guard and have them worried. A friend of mine who happened to be present when the borough manager, who is the real bastard we're trying to get rid of, heard that I and 2 other people had filed petitions to run against the "machine" quoted him as saying, "Son of a bitch, I thought we were through with all this B.S. in the primary; what are they trying to prove."
To top the whole thing off, the man I'm supposed to be running against has a County job & was ordered by the Court to either withdraw from the election or lose his job. Allegheny County has a reputation for handing out patronage jobs, but the Court

is at least trying to appear to be doing something. Unfortunately, the Court isn't enforcing the decision & 2 deadlines have passed without the man withdrawing. If both he & the Court continue to ignore the order, there's a chance he may go ahead & run and then, if elected, resign so as to keep his job. If that happens, & we strongly suspect that's their plan, the borough manager can then "appoint" someone to fill the vacancy. The whole election would have been a fraud. Right now our strategy is to pressure the Court into enforcing its decision & to warn the voters that they are about to be screwed again if they vote for the machine candidate. Alex has warned the borough manager that he has, on numerous occasions, violated the Hatch Act. As soon as

time digging.

Another thing that is taking up a good bit of my time is an accounting class. I had always intended to take accounting because I knew it would come in handy in law school, but running for controller pushed me into it this term. It's really not hard, but its incredibly involved & sometimes takes a few hours just to do one problem. I think I'm going to glad I took it though.

I just have a small bit to do yet [redacted] on the index; I would have had it done a few weeks ago but then everything happened at once. I'm also hoping to get a Monday off of work in the very near future & if it works out, I may drive down after my class on Saturday & delivery the typed index & all the cards

in person. I'll check with you ahead of time to make sure you'll be home. I need to get away for a few days + that's as good an excuse as any.

See you soon. Take care + say hi to hil for me. Mary said to say hi to both of you.

Best,
Karen